

Nomad licenses for cattle which resort to more than one State Forest :— Annas.

Cows and Oxen	...	...	...	6	per head.
Buffaloes	..	..		12	„

The above rates are very moderate and cannot be reduced.

Subject No. 272.

Gomalands newly included into the State Forests.

Mr. Gopalaiya, District Board Member.

Summary of discussion.—A great many gomal lands assigned for the village cattle during the last Survey Settlement have been included in the newly constituted State Forests. This has caused a great deal of inconvenience to the village cattle, because no other lands have been assigned therefor. Besides a fee of one anna per head of cattle will be imposed for grazing in the Reserved Forests. Cattle of other villages are not precluded from grazing in the State Forest of one village. It is requested that these inconveniences may be removed.

Reply of Government.—The representation refers to Holalkere, Devaragudda. The matter has been enquired into by settlement officer and disposed of in appeal by Deputy Commissioner. Nothing more can be done.

Subject No. 273.

Reduction of feeding charges in Forest cattle pounds.

Mr. M. Subba Rao of Hegaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As Forest cattle pounds are situated in the midst of jungles where there is abundant grass, it is prayed that the present rate of feeding charges for cattle impounded in the Forest pounds be reduced to one half of the rate now levied in Municipal cattle pounds.

Reply of Government.—No further concessions can be shown as the fine is intended to have a deterrent effect.

Subject No. 274.

Removal of restrictions to take leaves from District Forests.

Mr. Kigga Chennakes va Rao of Koppa Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The introduction of Forest Rules to the Malnad Taluks has been a source of hardship to the wet land-owner and the supari grower whose requirements in respect of leaves for manure and fire-wood are necessarily considerable. An acre of garden or wet land requires an allotment of 20 or 10 acres of forest land to meet the demands on account of fuel and leaves for manure. Besides, supari has to be prepared in the rainy season and requires plenty of fuel. It is therefore requested that the Forest Rules may be kept in abeyance till village forests are allotted for the free use of the raiyats.

Reply of Government.—A representation may be made to the Conservator if guards are not behaving properly.

FINANCE.

Subject No. 275.

Abolition of the commission on currency notes.

Mr. Yagaiyana Subba Rao,
„ Keladi Venkappa,
„ Balavanta Rao of Arsikere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—There is a practice of levying a commission of 4 annas for every Rs. 100 of currency notes. As the merchants receive large number of currency notes from the British Territories it is requested that the commission may be abolished.

Reply of Government.—The commission is levied only in Treasuries to which special remittance has to be made for the encashment of currency notes, to meet the cost of